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### Canada's Monster Irrigation Canal

I stopped at Calgary, just in the eastern shadow of the Canadian Rockies, to see the digging of the biggest irrigation project in America, excelled only by one in India and one in Egypt, writes Mark Sullivan in the Boston Transcript.

I expected to see an army of men with shovels, and saw not one shovel. Instead, three colossal steam giants, with incalculable arms which dipped down, took a huge bite out of the earth, rose slowly and dropped the dirt to one side.

Dipping and biting, these three machines advance just about 100 feet a day, leaving in their wake a ditch which is the size of a small river, 40 feet wide and from 12 to 20 feet deep.

This ditch begins at the river and crawls in a curving course something over a score of miles into the country. The biggest irrigation ditch on the continent is simplicity itself. There is nothing complicated about an irrigation plant. It's just an old-fashioned mill race on a big scale. You tap the river at a high level, run your ditch along that level, with just the slightest drop that will make water flow at all.

Then from the big ditch you run smaller lateral ditches, and from these still smaller ones, till every few acres has its little rivulet.

The ditch at Calgary will supply an area of about 150 by 50 miles, and water nearly 2,000,000 acres—more territory than is included in some Eastern states. When the work is done—but what irrigation will do for a semi-arid country is an old story. And yet, just the elements of it may bear retelling.

Farming with irrigation is as different from ordinary farming as hot-house gardening is from wheat raising. Farming with irrigation comes very close to being an operation in chemistry. You have your sunlight, you have your soil, in fixed quantities and of known chemical constituents. You add your water in quantities as needed. And if you wish, you can put fertilizing elements, salts of potash, for example, in your water, and then farming is a matter of chemistry indeed. And the results to the farmer are as different as a chemist's operations must be from the results to a farmer who lets the caprices of the weather govern the supply of one of his principal ingredients.

If a piece of ground which depends for water on rain will raise a hundred bushels, the same piece irrigated will raise five hundred. Twenty acres irrigated will support a family in ample comfort, and 40 acres irrigated is as large a farm as one man can well manage.

When one seeks for the broader significance of this big irrigating project here on the western plains of Canada, one wonders at first why such work should be done at all. Canada has

literally millions of acres of fertile land which does not need irrigation.

Canada is so rich and prodigal with fertile land that she gives it away—160 acres to any man who will merely settle on it and improve it. The Canadian Pacific railroad is almost equally rich in land. It has millions of acres which it sells at \$4 and \$6 an acre. Why, then, this costly irrigation of waste land, as if land were scarce? It suggests, instead of the very sparse population, a country that teems with people, a land like India, where every square inch must be utilized that life may be kept in the people.

The explanation made by people here which may be true is this: The Canadian government and the Canadian Pacific railroad are absolutely sure of Canada's future. They are laying the foundations broad and deep for a population as dense as our own. They are preparing for the time when their free land will all be gone. I hesitate to dwell further on this, for the Transcript alone of American papers seems to have realized the sweep and scope of the empire making that is going on up here, and readers of the Transcript must be as familiar with it as one can be who merely reads and does not see.

The situation is like this: Winnipeg, with about 50,000, is Canada's Chicago; Vancouver, with about half as many, is Canada's San Francisco. In all the vast country between those two—it takes three days to cover on a railroad train—in all that country there is but one town of more than 10,000 people. It is as if we at home had no Denver, no Omaha, no Minneapolis, no one of a score of cities. That, in a few decades Canada will have its Denver, its Omaha, its Kansas City, is as certain as the co-operation of government, railroad and a tremendous stream of eager immigrants that jostle each other for an early chance can make it.

### Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Tallman & Co., druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free."

### Back Alimony Allowed.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—George Harding, a wealthy real estate man who obtained a divorce at San Diego, Cal., was ordered by the court today to pay his wife \$52,000 back alimony, allowed in a divorce decree granted Mrs. Harding in Chicago.

Some women was a delusion and a snare, but on the other hand, some men like to hug a delusion.

### HOLIDAY DISPLAY.

Attractive and Artistic Picture Presented at the Alexander Department Store.

The Alexander Department Store since putting on its holiday attire, presents a very inviting and picturesque appearance and gives evidence of much hard work being done in the decorating.

Christmas trees stationed at various points and artistically arranged suspended ropes of cedar intermingled with richly colored goods, make a delightful view. In the center of the dry goods department is the "belle of the season" attired in a beautiful gown and suggestive of good cheer and happiness. A cozy corner ornamented with fine pillows, silk down comforters and Indian robes is artistically arranged. On the trees are articles suitable for Christmas gifts, such as fancy novelties, handkerchiefs, purses, dollies, umbrellas, ribbons, lace collars, gloves, fans, belts, etc.

### HUNDRED YEARS OF ART.

Academy of Art 100 Years Old at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—One of the most notable art exhibitions ever held in this country will be the annual exhibition next month of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. It will be known as the One Hundredth Anniversary Exhibition to commemorate the 100 years of the academy's existence.

The exhibition, while in every sense an exhibit of the academy's development of a century, will also contain the best examples of contemporary American oil painting and sculpture. Many graduates of the academy now resident in Paris, London, Vienna and other foreign cities, will send specimens of their work and descendants of some of the famous students of the early years of the academy will present some rare old pieces.

### Four Bishops to Attend.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 17.—A number of visiting prelates of the Roman Catholic church are here to attend the consecration tomorrow of St. Lucy's church. The event promises to be one of the most notable in the history of the church in this city. A number of bishops will take part in the ceremonies, including Bishop Ludden of Syracuse, Bishop McQuade of Rochester, Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg, and Bishop Burke of Albany.

### New Lake Liner Launched.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 17.—At the yards of the American Shipbuilding company the steamship Juniata, built for the Erie & Western Transportation company, was successfully launched today. The Juniata will have a freight capacity of 3500 tons and accommodations for 200 passengers and will run between Buffalo and Duluth.

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